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1. IN WAKE OF STP AID REQUEST (REFTEL), UNDP RES
REP PROVIDED BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROGRAM UN AGENCIES ARE
DEVELOPING FOR STP.

2. UN EFFORT CONCENTRATED IN THREE AREAS:
A. HEALTH -- WHO OFFICE IN BRAZZAVILLE TAKING LEAD IN
DEVELOPING PROGRAM TO IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR
COUNTRY WHICH HAS ONLY TWO RESIDENT DOCTORS. IN ADDITION
TO PROVIDING MEDICAL PERSONNEL, WHO WILL ATTEMPT
TO TRAIN TECHNICIANS AND PARAMEDICS AND IMPROVE BASIC
CLINIC AND LABORATORY FACILITIES.

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B. EDUCATION -- UN BEGINNING PROCESS OF CURRICULUM

REVISION AWAY FROM STRAIGHT PORTUGUESE SYSTEM, AND ITS FIRST STEP IS ADDING BASIC HYGIENE AND FARM GARDENING TO INSTRUCTION AT PRIMARY LEVEL. IN ADDITION, UN WILL SUPPLY TEACHERS, ESPECIALLY AT SECONDARY LEVEL, TO REPLACE DEPARTING PORTUGUESE, AND WILL ATTEMPT UPGRADE QUALITY OF TEACHING AT ALL LEVELS.

C. AGRICULTURE -- UN EFFORT IN THIS AREA STILL LARGELY IN STUDIES WITH AIM OF EFFECTING LAND REFORM AND OF REACHING BASIC DECISIONS AS TO APPROPRIATE CROP MIX FOR COCOA-DOMINATED ECONOMY. UN PARTICULARLY LOOKING AT AGRICULTURE IN TERMS OF FOOD NEEDS OF POPULATION, AND THUS LIKELY STRESS FOOD CROPS AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES.

3. UNDP RES REP PROPOSED TO GSTP THAT HE UNDERTAKE ROLE OF COORDINATING MULTILATERAL AND POTENTIAL BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO INSURE BALANCED DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, GSTP HAS THUS FAR PREFERRED DEAL INDIVIDUALLY WITH POTENTIAL DONORS, THUS MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO FIT CONTRIBUTIONS INTO OVERALL PLANNING. RES REP SAID GSTP DOES, HOWEVER, HAVE STUDY PREPARED BY ILO AND UNESCO WHICH OUTLINES COUNTRY'S NEEDS IN TERMS OF OUTSIDE EXPERTS, WHICH GAVE SOME BASIS ON WHICH TO PUT FORWARD REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

4. ON BASIS OF CONVERSATIONS WITH SEVERAL OTHER MISSIONS IN LIBREVILLE, IT APPEARS BILATERAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS NOT YET OFF THE GROUND. SOUTH KOREANS TALKING OF POSSIBLE HELP IN MEDICAL FIELD, WHILE BOTH FRENCH AND RUSSIANS STILL SAY THEY ARE "LOOKING INTO SITUATION" TO SEE HOW THEY CAN BE HELPFUL.
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